

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction between the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-46 and 66-69, drawn to a composition;
- Group II: Claims 47-52, drawn to a process for dyeing keratin fibers;
- Group III: Claims 53-58, drawn to a process for dyeing keratin fibers using an oxidizing agent;
- Group IV: Claims 59-60, drawn to a process for coloring dark skin; and
- Group V: Claims 61-65, drawn to a process for dyeing keratin fibers.

Office Action at 2.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-46 and 66-69, drawn to a composition, for prosecution on the merits.

Election of Species

The Examiner also requires two elections of species:

- (1) The Examiner requires election of a single composition species chosen from:
 - (A) a fluorescent dye and an aminosilicone;
 - (B) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, and a surfactant;
 - (C) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, and a non-fluorescent dye;
 - (D) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, and an oxidation base;

- (E) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, an oxidation base, and an oxidizing agent;
- (F) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, an oxidation base, and a coupler; and
- (G) a fluorescent dye, an aminosilicone, and an oxidizing agent.

Office Action at 7.

- (2) The Examiner further requires election of an "exact choice" of each component (A)-(G) present in the elected composition. *Id.* at 9.

Applicants hereby elect as follows:

- (1) a composition comprising a fluorescent dye and an aminosilicone;
- (2) dyes of formula (F3) as the fluorescent dye species (*see, e.g.,* claim 6); and
- (3) compounds of formula (A) as the aminosilicone species (*see, e.g.,* claim 12).

Applicants assert that claims 1-13, 22, 23, 30, and 66-69 read on the elected species.

If the Examiner chooses to maintain the restriction and election of species requirements, and if the elected groups and species are found to be allowable, Applicants request that the Examiner continue to examine the full scope of the claims to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of the pending claims. *See* M.P.E.P. § 803.02 and 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination of the claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter

this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No.

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